

Governor Kathleen Sebelius and the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

are pleased to announce the availability of grant funds for the Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program. The Program will open for new applications on Monday, January 10, 2005 through Thursday, March 10, 2005. Visit the Office of Justice Program's website, <https://vests.ojp.gov/index.jsp>, to apply for these grant funds.

Applicant Eligibility: Only chief executives of jurisdictions (or their designees) may apply for funds. Jurisdictions are defined as general purpose units of local government or Federally-recognized Indian tribes. The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program requires that funding priority be given to jurisdictions with populations under 100,000. However, last year, funds were sufficient to support 10% of the total applications values from jurisdictions with populations at or more than 100,000, so all eligible applicants are encouraged to apply.

Beneficiary Eligibility: Only law enforcement officers may receive vests through this program. "Law Enforcement Officer" means any officer, agent, or employee of a State, unit of local government, or an Indian tribe authorized by law or by a government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of any violation of criminal law, or authorized by law to supervise sentenced criminal offenders.

Below is a list of general job categories determined to be eligible for this grant program.

Police Officers
Sheriff Deputies
Judicial Officers
Prosecutorial Officers
Transit Authority Police
Fire Marshals
Arson Investigators
State Patrol Officer, Troopers
Park, Conservation Police

Traffic and Code Enforcement Officers
Liquor Control/Authority Investigators
Juvenile Probation Officers
Adult Parole and Probation Officers
Police Chaplains
Adult and Juvenile Jail, Detention Center
and Correctional Institution Officers
State, County and City College and
University Police

The following categories are generally considered outside the scope of the Act and are ineligible.

Federal Employees
Vests for K-9 dogs
Private College and University Police

Emergency Medical Personnel
Fire and Rescue Personnel

Private Correctional Officers or private police officers under contract with a Local, State, or Tribal government to provide related services.

For more information call Toll Free 1-877-75-VESTS or 1-877-758-3787, or email vests@ojp.gov.